



Portpatrick Community Development Trust (SCIO)
PCDT - Working for the Community

Looking forward to 2022,



Welcome to the January 2022 edition of our newsletter. As we write this we are still under the Omicron variant restrictions, but with the proven effectiveness of vaccination and booster programme there are real prospects of these being lifted in the not too distant future.

Snowdrops will soon be appearing and we can all look forward to better times ahead. There is no doubt that 2021 has been a difficult year for many, but we can all look forward to a New Year and new beginnings. In this newsletter you can read about some of our achievements over the last year and our plans for 2022.

As always we would be delighted to hear from members and non-members alike.

the gaitherin place

All are welcome to pop into the "Gaitherin Place" for a cuppa and a chat. We would be only too pleased to discuss our plans and how you might get involved. We also welcome ideas and suggestions on other projects or interests or how we could better support you or your group.



Portpatrick Coastal Rowing Skiff

Back in 2020 we obtained funding for the construction of a coastal rowing skiff. Work has proceeded slowly under the various covid restrictions, but we are pleased to see that the hull has been planked out and the project is moving to its finishing stages. PCDT have been supporting what will become the Portpatrick

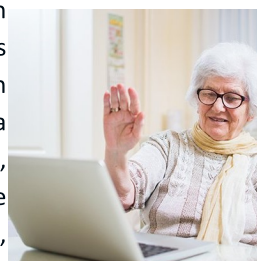


Coastal Rowing Group.

If you would like to become involved or simply take a look at the project under construction, then please contact Tommy Monteith or pop into the Gaitherin Place any time we are open. The group welcome anyone who is interested in the build or becoming involved as a rower.

Connecting Scotland - Digital Inclusion Project

We are pleased to be working with Third Sector D&G as part of Dumfries and Galloway's Digital Inclusion Project. Connecting Scotland was a Scottish Government Initiative, launched in response to the pandemic, to provide digital devices, data, training and support to get online to those who need it most. We have supported applications for digital devices and are now carrying out



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Friends and Family 100Club Draw Winning Number No 3 - Drawn 28th DEC The prize was £60.00.

research in association with TS D&G to help identify opportunities for improving digital inclusion and the way in which digital technology can be used to address social isolation, keep us connected to friends and family, informed and entertained, and able to learn, work, shop and access health information and other public services.

Buddies Bothy



PCDT have been successful in securing funding for the development of Buddies Bothy from the Kilgallioch Community Fund which provides support for rural regeneration and sustainability of communities. These funds will be used to

upgrade the fabric of the building and provide for community workshop facilities, tool library and an Arts and Crafts workshop at 7A Main Street Portpatrick. The workshop is being used at present to build the skiff, but when Covid restrictions allow we will be fitting new doors and windows, re-wiring and fitting a new internal stairway.

Portpatrick Village Hall

In response to a call by Dumfries and Galloway Council for interested groups to submit an expression of interest by the 5th January 2022. PCDT duly submitted an expression of interest (EoI) in December 2021. This most recent call follows the rejection of an appeal to Scottish Ministers by Portpatrick Harbour Community Benefit Society, appealing the decision by D&G Council not to award a Community Asset Transfer to the Society. The Reporter found that the Society is not an eligible body and Scottish Ministers upheld the Reporters findings.

This has been a long running saga going back to November 2015 and you can read all about in on our web site (www.pcdt.scot).



Since November 2015, DGC have been seeking an agreement with a community-based group to run the hall on either an operational lease basis or as a full community asset transfer. At that time no groups came forward and Portpatrick remains one of the few village halls managed by the Council.

In our expression of interest we reiterated our willingness to work with all other groups who may have an interest in the Hall. We also suggested that the priority is to get the Hall back into regular use to provide a foundation to build a sustainable business plan and support recovery and regeneration activities. We also identified a number of challenges that have arisen since our original submission in August 2019, including the effects of the Covid pandemic.

Should you wish to make your views known or want to get involved with getting the Village Hall back into use please contact us, (details below).

Friends and Family 100Club

Our Friends and Family 100Club has now been running for one year. Thank you to all who have contributed it has been a helpful fund raise throughout the year. The winning numbers were : 83, 94, 67, 35, 93, 25, 24, 15, 76, 61, 74 and 3.

Our Values

- **SUPPORT** – Recognising need and acting to assist and help others.
- **INCLUSIVENESS** - We respect people, value diversity and are committed to all forms of equality.
- **KINDNESS** – Thinking and acting with care and consideration.
- **RESPECT** – Giving to others what you would like to receive yourself.
- **INTEGRITY** – Being truthful and honest in all you say and do.
- **PARTICIPATION** – We value and recognise the contribution of volunteers within organisations and communities and will work to encourage everyone to contribute to make a difference.

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